28th July, 1917

St. Andrew's Church, Madras

Presidency Senior Chaplain.—Rev. John Heron, M.A., B.D., (on leave).
Offg. Presidency Senior Chaplain and Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church.—Rev. D. H. Gillan, M.A., B.D., c/o Garrison Chaplain, Fort St. George.
Kirk Session.—The Chaplain, J. R. Atkinson, Esq., W. A. Beardsell, Esq., Dr. J. R. Henderson, W. Hutton, Esq., W. Lamb, Esq., A. C. Puddephatt, Esq., R. W. Ross, Esq., Capt. A. J. H. Russell, Col. R. Robertson, J. F. Simpson, Esq., W. A. Turner, Esq., and C. A. Innes, Esq., I.C.S.
Church Officer—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.
Organist and Choirmaster—A. W. Jones, Esq., 1/144 Mount Road.
Free School Headmistress—Mrs. Pritchard, St. Andrew's Free School.
Dorcas Society Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Goodwood, Kilpauk.
Women's Guild Secretary—Mrs. Gillan, Fort St. George (Acting).
Women's Guild Treasurer—Mrs Taylor-Mitchell, Luttrell's Gardens, Kilpauk.
Sunday School Superintendent—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Kalajagah, Chetput.
School Visitation Secretary—Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell, Luttrell's Gardens, Kilpauk.
Honorary Auditor—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Chetput.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF BOOKS, 10 OCT 1917, MADRAS.

Church Notices

SITTINGS AND MAGAZINES—Application for vacant sittings should be made to the Clerk, with whom should also be lodged orders for the Monthly Parish Magazine (Rs. 2 per annum), and the Indian Quarterly, *St. Andrew* (8 annas per annum). To seat holders *Life and Work*, with local Supplement, is supplied free. Copies of the Hymnary, Psalter, and Anthem Book, with or without music, may also be purchased from the Church Clerk.

HOURS OF SERVICE—Divine Service is held on Sundays, at 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. Choir Practice on Thursdays, at 6-15 P.M.

HOLY COMMUNION—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed after evening service on the first Sunday of every quarter, and after morning service on the sixth Sunday of the quarter.

BAPTISM—The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church on Thursday evenings, or on Sundays after the morning service.

FUNERALS—Funerals should be arranged through an Undertaker.

ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY—St. Andrew's Cemetery is, by Government order, reserved for the burial of *bona fide* members of St. Andrew's Church and Presbyterian soldiers; and the sanction of the Chaplain has to be obtained.

FREE SCHOOL—There is an Industrial Class in connection with the Free School. Orders for towels, dusters, etc., may be sent to Mrs. Atkinson, "Goodwood," Kilpauk, or to the Church Clerk. The money thus earned helps to defray the salary of an extra teacher.

WOMEN'S GUILD—The Women's Guild meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month, at 4-30 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, at 5 P.M. from January to April, and August to December.

MOTHERS' MEETING in School-room, at 5 P.M., on Mondays.

Church Notes

Holy Communion.—The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at the close of the Evening Service on 1st July, when forty-eight Communicants were present. The next Communion will be celebrated at the close of the Morning Service on 12th August.

War Anniversary Service.—The Kirk Session have arranged that a service with special reference to the Anniversary of the Declaration of War (4th August) will be held on the evening of Sunday, 5th August. Further details will be given by pulpit intimation.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Ross.—The promotion of friends almost inevitably produces mixed feelings, Mr. R. W. Ross, formerly Vice-Principal of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, has been appointed Principal of the Government College, Rajahmundry, and we rejoice at the recognition. But we shall miss him and Mrs. Ross in many ways, for apart from the great personal charm they both possess they have been indefatigable in everything connected with the welfare of the Church. We wish them all success and happiness in their new sphere.

Woman's Guild.—The Meetings of the Guild will be resumed on Thursday, 3rd August, at 5 o'clock.

Dorcas Society.--The half-yearly distribution of clothes to the Children of the Free School and others has been arranged for Thursday afternoon, 3rd August, at 4-30, immediately before the meeting of the Woman's Guild.

Free School.—The school re-opened on 3rd July, with forty-eight children on the Roll and several waiting for admission. All the teachers were present, including Mrs. M. A. Pritchard, appointed Headmistress in place of Mrs. Bennett.

Thanks.—We gratefully acknowledge receipt of some papers, books and periodicals for our soldiers. Intending donors may send these gifts direct to the Church office.

Sunday School.—Mr. Ashworth writes :—The School will re-open for the 1917-1918 Session on Sunday, August 12th, at 5 P.M. We have to record with regret the resignation from the staff of three teachers—the Misses Falconer and Miss Gordon. The former have taught for some years in the School, and have rendered excellent service. Miss Gordon has unfortunately been compelled to resign by reason of her duties elsewhere. Her good help has been much appreciated during the period she has taught in the School. In consequence of these resignations there will be vacancies in the Teaching Staff, which we hope will be eventually filled.

Woman's Guild Entertainment to Soldiers.—On Friday, the 25th of June we had another of our entertainments for soldiers. These parties are becoming very popular, and somewhat to our consternation we find some of the men arrive about 3-30 ! The men from the Fort are probably free after their midday dinner, and the Church compound as at least as attractive as Barracks ; and the set of men entertained in June evidently thought so. The garden was looking very green, and the leafy trees gave quite a lot of shade, and the gold mohur trees were a brilliant splash of colour giving a gala appearance to the compound. While the ladies got the tea tables ready, some of the men had a look round the Church, and others began at once to the Competitions. A group of lads became so absorbed that they had to be sternly commanded to come to tea ! A good tea had been provided, smokes given out, and almost immediately the men became occupied with the various amusements and were busy and happy till it was time to stop. Mrs. Puddephatt and Mrs. Higginbotham were in charge of the Feeling and Smelling competition : Miss Rowley and Miss Beta Falconer in charge of the Advertisements competition ; Dr. Henderson, Mr. Beardsell, Captain Guthrie in charge of the clock rings ; and all the available ladies who were not doing anything else played badminton with the men who had finished their competitions. When darkness made further play impossible, the men returned to the tables, which had been got ready once more with refreshments of different kinds by the ladies, the names of whom are too numerous to mention, and while the men complacently drank their "minerals" and ate cakes and sandwiches, the competition papers were examined. There is always great excitement while the names of the successful competitors are read out, and much applause when the prizes are given away. So far we have spent Rs. 20 a month on prizes, four "Firsts" and four "Seconds," but unless money is specially given for prizes we think we shall not be able to spend this sum if we are to keep up the entertainments month by month. Perhaps some of our friends will advise us on the matter. The soldiers are very eager to try the competitions, but they might be quite willing to do them without any thought of prizes. The first prize has taken the form of a fountain pen at Rs. 3-12 and the second a "silver" pencil valued about Re. 1-8.

The Concert began a little after 7; the ladies and gentlemen who kindly performed were Mrs. Adam, Mrs. Puddephatt, Captain Guthrie, Mr. Graham, Mr. Fort and Mr. Buckle. Several songs and one excellent recitation were contributed by our soldier guests, and a happy evening was concluded by the giving of cheers and the singing of "God Save the King."

We had forty men of the Devons and twelve furlough men from the Y. M. C. A., nearly all of the latter having been in Mesopotamia.

We would like to express our appreciation to all the kind friends in the congregation who are making these parties possible. They are conducted under the auspices of the Woman's Guild, just because it is in woman's sphere to run tea parties. But the men in the congregation have as large a share and as much credit. The ladies give the tea, cakes, sandwiches, etc., and for fifty soldiers this is no small offering, and we look to the men, and have so far not looked in vain, for the money for the "minerals," the smokes, ice, the lighting of the compound for the Concert, and up to the present the prizes. The men, like the ladies have given most generously, and we thank all and each for his and her share in what has now become a Congregational Entertainment to Soldiers.

Since last number of the Supplement, cups and saucers, tumblers, bread plates, a badminton net, and 12 bats have been kindly donated to this enterprise.

AN APPRECIATION

Copy of letter from No. 1652 Private Horace Thompson, A. Co., 1/4 Devons, Army Y.M.C.A. of India, Mesopotamia Expeditionary Force, *29th June*, 1917.

TO THE SECRETARY,

Ladies' Guild.

DEAR MADAM,

I am one of the party of 1/4 Devons who was on leave in Madras, and went to your Tea and Concert on the 25th May. We have arrived back in Mesopotamia after a rough voyage over. I don't know whether anybody else will write to you, any rate I am in case not, to thank you and the ladies of your Guild for the most enjoyable time you gave us on that day. We appreciated it very much then, but since we have come back we have appreciated it more. It was by far the best time we had whilst on leave, in fact since we have left Home.

On the whole we only have to thank the ladies of Madras, for the excellent time we had during our stay there which we shall never forget.

Before I close, I should like to know, whether any young lady of your Guild, would like to correspond with me, so as to take off some of the monotony of the long days out here, if so, I should be very pleased.

Again thanking you for your kindness,

I am,

Yours truly,

(Sd.) HORACE THOMPSNO.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for June, 1917

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT RS.	A.	P.	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To Church Choir, for May, 1917 ...	157	0	0
„ Seat Rents	64	0	0	„ „ Estabt. „ „ ...	184	8	0
„ Church Collections	129	12	0	„ Organ blowers	1	4	0
„ Refunds	10	0	0	„ Organ Music and Anthems ...	10	0	0
„ Interest	28	7	0	„ M. E. S. Co., current ...	8	4	0
				„ Communion elements ...	3	2	0
				„ Miscellaneous	3	1	6
	341	3	0				
Balance Debit this Account ...	26	0	6				
Total ...	367	3	6	Total ...	367	3	6

II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for June, 1917

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT RS.	A.	P.	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT RS.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions	11	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment ...	228	3	0
„ Refund	10	0	0	„ Food	40	1	0
„ Cash	252	14	0	„ Madras Times, Advertisements...	5	10	0
Total ...	273	14	0	Total ...	273	14	0

H. BOYS,
Church Clerk.

D. H. GILLAN,
Senior Chaplain.

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